GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAIN SUPPLY
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suggestions of the concerned State Governments are taken into consideration while providing foodgrains for the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): The allocation under Public Distribution System (PDS) is not demand based. The Central Government allocates foodgrains @ 35 kg per family per month on the basis of families identified and ration cards issued by the States/Union Territories (UTs), or on the basis of the State-wise poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 and the population projection of Registrar General of India as on 01.03.2000, which ever is less. Since the inception of PDS, rice and wheat is allocated to all the States/UTs as per their food habits. However, if any suggestions are received from any State/UT for revision of rice and wheat ratio in the allocation of foodgrains, it is agreed to by the Central Government within the overall allocation of the foodgrains to the concerned State/UT.